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In re Patent Application of:
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For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR
ASSAYING HOMOCYSTEINE

Examiner: D. M. Ramirez

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated February 10, 2004 in connection with the above-identified application. A response to this action is due on or before May 10, 2004. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a one-month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to June 10, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Enclosed is supplemental Information Disclosure Statement submitting references cited by the U.K. Patent Office that have not been submitted in the previous IDS. Also enclosed are the following exhibits:

Exhibit A. A courtesy copy of the reference No. 65 of December 19, 2002 IDS showing persons responsible for the reference; and

Exhibit B. Information from Barnes & Noble showing publication date of reference No. 128 of December 19, 2002 IDS.

Applicant has given careful consideration to the grounds for rejection and objection. The following amendments and remarks are believed to place this application in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.